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Reference: AB 52

Source: Savoy

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Evaluation B-2

SUBJECT: NKVD AGENT WEINERT-- SNB AGENCY AT WEISSENSEE

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Report #: 320

Report Date: 28 June 46

Information Date: Current

Date Info Received: 27 June 46

Reference: Raw intelligence report no. 359, dated 25 June 1946.

1. Subject visited source on 26 June 1946. According to source, WEINERT, in contrast to their previous meeting, appeared rather depressed again, and made some bitter comments about what he termed "Soviet justice."

2. WEINERT asked source for advice on what to do next, as his dismissal from the SNB seems to have been final. He gave the impression of being considerably discouraged and was at a loss to explain the causes for this dismissal. In addition, he was worried about the fact that Major CHERNIKOFF refused to do anything positive to reinstate him, and that he has not been given any new assignment for some time now.

3. Source promised to try to intercede in his favor; but he needed some more information on SNB personalities, he told subject. Accordingly WEINERT outlined the following chain of command at the WEISSENSEE office of the Soviet News Agency:

Commanding Officer and Director: Colonel KLEZINOV  
1st Deputy and Cultural Officer: Major KATZ-NELSON (sic!)  
2nd Deputy and Executive : Major LOCHOWIZ  
Personnel and Security Officer : Captain NIKITIN, NKVD

4. Source pointed out that nothing positive can be done until the return of Captain SKURIN, controlling officer both of source and subject. If SKURIN won't help subject, SAVOY intimated to him that things may get rather difficult. Subject quite agreed with this interpretation and, according to source, appeared rather frightened at the prospect.

SSU COMMENT: WEINERT, former 1st lieutenant of the Wehrmacht and National Socialist Führungsoffizier (NS Morale Officer) became a convinced communist after being "convinced" Nazi for a number of years. He is financially dependent on the NKVD. Having worked for the RIS since last summer, he is well-aware of their methods and of the somewhat ungentle means they use to dispose of an agent who has outlived his usefulness. In source's opinion, if SKURIN refuses for some reason to help subject, the latter would be prepared to tell U.S. or British authorities all he knew, in exchange for a guarantee of safety and transportation to the Western Zone.

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